

THREADED CONNECTORS FOR AXIAL ALIGNMENT OF TUBULAR COMPONENTS, AND METHOD OF INSTALLING PIPE SECTIONS EMPLOYING SUCH CONNECTORS

Abstract

The present invention is directed to threaded connectors for axial alignment of tubular components, and methods of installing pipe sections employing such connectors. In one illustrative embodiment, the method comprises a first section of pipe comprised of at least one length of pipe, a threaded pin connector coupled to the first section of pipe, a second section of pipe comprised of at least one length of pipe and a threaded box connector coupled to the second section of pipe, the box and pin connectors being threadingly coupled to one another and welded to one another along an exterior grooved circumferential weld joint.